

the dinner, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving after midnight.

The President announced his intention to nominate Arma Jane Karaer as Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, to the Solomon Islands, and to Vanuatu.

The President accorded the personal rank of Ambassador to James W. Pardew, Jr., in his capacity as U.S. Special Representative for Military Stabilization in the Balkans.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alan Philip Larson to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted May 13

Harold Walter Geisel,
of Illinois, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Seychelles.

Reynaldo Flores Macías,
of California, to be a member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring September 22, 1998, vice Helen B. Crouch, term expired.

Withdrawn May 13

Bruce W. Greer,
of Florida, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, vice James W. Kehoe, retired, which was sent to the Senate on August 1, 1995.

Charles R. Stack,
of Florida, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, vice Peter T. Fay, retired,

which was sent to the Senate on October 27, 1995.

Submitted May 15

Christina A. Snyder,
of California, to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, vice Edward Rafeedie, retired.

Thomas W. Thrash, Jr.,
of Georgia, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, vice Robert L. Vining, Jr., retired.

Submitted May 16

J. Rene Josey,
of South Carolina, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of 4 years, vice J. Preston Strom, Jr., resigned.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released May 13

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Released May 14

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Vice President Al Gore, Counselor to the President Mack McLarty, Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick, Gen. John Tilelli, Major Gen. Bob Hicks, Deputy Secretary of Transportation Mort Downey, and Larry Haas, OMB Associate Director for Communications on the Olympic games in Atlanta, GA

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry announcing notification to Congress of the release of \$100 million for firefighting activities